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THE MUTINEERS.

"Good-morning, Miss Herbert!" said the captain's nephew, Malcolm Sherwood, who was also first officer on board the Albatross.

Helen stepped out of the cabin on the main-deck, and the young man—who could boast a certain kind of good looks, but whose assurance and self-conceit were too apparent for a gentleman—came toward her, cap in hand, bowing gallantly.

She avoided his glance of bold admiration while returning his greeting, and looking out over the ship's side at the smooth and shining waves, exclaimed:

"Oh, how lovely the sea looks this morning!"

"I wish it were a garden, where I could gather you a bouquet," said Malcolm. "Beautiful women like you, should always be surrounded with flowers. But isn't there something I can offer you? Ah, yes, a nautilus! I saw some a few moments ago, and remembered your wish."

He turned quickly. Only two men were in sight on the leeward-side of the galley. One was coiling rope in front of a locker, the other was tarring the bung of a water-cask.

"Drop that, you lubber, and swing a bucket over the side, d'ye hear?" cried Mr. Malcolm Sherwood, first mate of the A No. 1 government-built clipper Albatross, among whose graceful accomplishments the art of addressing his men as if they were brutes was pre-eminent. "Scoop me a good specimen nautilus, and don't spoil it with your bungling either."

As he had not spoken to either of the sailors by name, it would have been difficult to tell which he meant. Only one turned round—a fine-looking seaman, fair-skinned, ruddy, blue-eyed and flaxen-haired. He dropped his caulking-pot, caught up a wooden bucket, made its rope-handle fast to another rope by a running-knot, and throwing back his broad shoulders with a lithe motion of his shapely figure, he prepared to launch it over the gunwale, when the mate roared out with a gush of oaths that he didn't mean him.

"You're too ready with your desire to show off," he muttered between his teeth; and, seeing that the other sailor continued to quietly pursue his labor, as if unconscious of his existence, the brutal tempered officer rushed on him in a rage, and with a violent blow felled him to the deck, where he lay without a motion.

"You've struck a sick man, Mr. Sherwood," said the fair and brawny sailor, who was a Dane, and bore the sombriquet of Neptune among his fellows. "Poor lad! he fell on his marlingspike off the Plata, and he hasn't been himself since. He's deaf, too, and didn't hear you."

Helen had uttered a cry of horror as the mate's clenched fist descended on the sleeping rope-coiler. She knew him by his pallor and painful cough; and although her father's illness had heretofore allowed her little time for any duty except waiting on him, she had sent many delicacies to the forecastle by Zillah, her maid, for this same sick sailor. As he fell, she ran to his side.

Neptune stood with his arms folded, with a strange expression on his dead-white face.

"Don't fret yourself, miss," he said, in a cold and bitter tone; "if poor Pierre has got his discharge he's in luck. There's plenty more willing to learn this service the same way, for want of a better."

A gleaming smile, full of contempt and suppressed anger, played round his thin lips, and he looked steadily in Malcolm's face, as it defying him.

Such daring could not pass with impunity. If the mate was silent a moment, it was because his fury mastered his utterance.

"Mr. Shelton—Mr. Frero!" he ejaculated, as soon as he could speak.

An elderly man, whose originally fine face was marred by signs of habitual intemperance, sauntered out of the cabin, and a slight and youthful fellow, with flashing, black eyes and a quick, nervous movement of the body, seemed to drop from the shrouds on deck.

Both made an inclination of the head in reply to the savage mate's call, and addressing first the younger of the two, by the name of Frero, he ordered him at once to put the sailor Neptune in irons.

For a moment the young man, who was third mate and also ship's carpenter, stood silent; the next, he flatly refused to obey.

Meantime, the frightened girl had helped the young Frenchman to rise from the deck, and was gently supporting him toward the forecastle when two Norwegians, called Christian and Oddo, relieved her of her charge, and lifting him in their arms bore him away.

She stood looking till his poor, drooping head disappeared down the gangway, and then, hurrying around the windward sides of the galley, tried to gain the cabin without encountering the man whose brutality made him odious in her eyes; but just as she reached the main deck she saw Sherwood with his own hands snap the irons on Neptune's wrist, while his maudlin assistant did the same for Frero.

Her heart beat high; she trembled from head to foot; and, clinging to the water casks as she passed along, she gained the cabin-door.

The cabin was fitted up with unusual elegance. Sofas of blue damask, blue silken hangings, handsome mirrors and well-cushioned fauteuils, rendered it a really luxurious apartment.

At its upper end were two very large staterooms, in which every appliance for comfort and pleasure were arrayed, and where taste, ingenuity and wealth had united to foil the exhaustion and tedium of a long voyage.

This unwonted splendor was readily explained. The ship belonged to a very wealthy merchant, who, with his only child, took this long westward voyage, in the full conviction that it would thoroughly establish his health.

As yet it had been unsuccessful in this most important item. Mr. Herbert was so entirely an invalid that his affectionate and unselfish daughter hid all the painful and alarming scenes to which she was exposed, and never appeared in his presence with a shadow on her fair face.

To achieve this required not only a most disinterested nature, but a courageous one, and Helen Herbert's was truly the heart and soul of a heroine.

Entering the cabin, her first glance was directed toward her father's door. It was closed, a sign that his morning slumber had been prolonged—and she rejoiced at the evidence of needed rest. It gave her time to quiet her own excitement, and also to think of the poor French sailor.

Once or twice she called her maid's name, in a low voice; but no one responded, and she concluded that Zillah, a pretty quadroon girl and a tireless flirt, was showing off her graces as usual for the benefit of the steward, a mulatto from the Isle of France.

"I cannot let the poor fellow suffer," she said, by way of encouragement to herself, and immediately walked up to one of the small doors opening out of the cabin, and tapped lightly.

It opened instantly, and a dark, handsome young gentleman stood before her, who bowed profoundly.

"Oh, Dr. Conroy, pray excuse me!" she said, becoming confused the moment she found herself face to face with the silent young physician. "I am sorry to trouble you, I am sure, but poor Pierre is ill again, and I will be so glad if you will go to him."

Percy Conroy, the ship's doctor, bowed again to Miss Herbert, and in her presence he was always strangely reticent; but he strove to prove, by the extreme readiness of his movements in serving her, the deep respect which was already expressed in his every look and action.

She and he had not been strangers before their meeting on shipboard. He was a young man of excellent position in society, and they had met occasionally in fashionable life, when he had inspired her with a decided admiration for his manner and abilities.

But, to her pain and surprise, he returned her outburst of cordial pleasure not discovering him to be their fellow-voyager with a distant and reserved respect which had continued despite his devotion to her father, whose untiring nurse, as well as physician, he had constituted himself.

This ceremonious treatment chilled poor Helen's heart. She shrunk within herself, abashed at his deferential silence, and often sought her own stateroom, after one of his distant but profound bows, with a heartache, eager to hide her bitter, burning tears.

She did not note how, do as he might to conceal it, his color changed at sight of her, nor dream that silence only preserved the secret of his emotions in her presence.

"He avoids me. I am actually disagreeable to him," she often exclaimed, in a burst of tears; and then added, with a heavy sigh: "And yet he is so kind—so very kind—to my dear father. I am grateful to him. I cannot help that, I am sure."

On this morning he was in such haste to obey her that he started at once, even without waiting to close the stateroom door.

As he left the cabin it blew back and lodged against the wall, leaving, for the first time, open to Helen's inspection the little room in which he had spent the greater part of their long voyage.

It was neat and pretty as the chamber of a young girl. Everything was in exquisite order, from his tiny library of books to his still more compact case of medicines.

A few small pictures were fastened to the walls. One was a crayon sketch of a fair, girlish face, with fluffy, golden curls, and a broad-brimmed hat, just such an one as she wore on deck to protect her from the sun.

There was a familiar look about it. Had she seen the original anywhere?

The thought made her unhappy. She dismissed it quickly, and cast her eyes on the stationary desk before which his arm-chair was placed.

It was covered with books and chemical apparatus; but on its top stood—Could it be? No, no! her eyes deceived her; and yet it really was her own discarded slipper!

Its mate had slipped off her foot on deck, and been carried through a flowing scupper into the sea. While she stood merrily laughing at the mishap Zillah had brought out another pair, which she put on, forgetting the odd one until after it had disappeared. She recalled how she had searched for it, merely from idle curiosity as to its fate; and here it was.

"What could have induced him—" she began, but did not complete the question.

A footstep sounded without, and she sprang up and shut the room door before any eye but hers should rest on its simple treasures.

Mr. Sherwood came into the cabin. The angry cloud was gone from his brow, and he stood beaming on Helen most amiably.

"I am afraid our timid dove was alarmed at our harsh sea discipline," he said, with a caressing gesture that his daring did not quite carry to her shrinking form. "But, my sweet friend, it is necessary. We cannot sail without it. It is as needful to a ship as a fair wind."

"Helen!"

"Yes, papa!" exclaimed the indignant girl; and, delighted to escape from Malcolm's unwelcome presence, she hastened to join her father.

She found him very much shaken by a painful dream, from which he had not been quite able to arouse himself.

"Where's the captain, Helen?" he inquired. "Where's John Sherwood, the sailing-master of the Albatross? I hope he doesn't leave his work to boobies and land-lubbers, but does his duty like a man, and watches his ship as if it were a human life! Eh, child—eh?"

"Yes, yes, papa—certainly!" Helen tried to say calmly, while in her heart she knew that Captain Sherwood intrusted the vessel and all it held to the management of his nephew, Malcolm, while he gave himself up, day after day, more and more completely to the baleful influence of intemperance.

In times past the captain had been an excellent and accomplished officer. Such he was, in Mr. Herbert's experience and belief; and it was owing to his unwavering trust in his seamanship that he had not only engaged him as commander of his ship, but yielded to him the entire selection of the crew.

Had the unfortunate captain secured an able and reliable assistant officer, his own failings might have been concealed, or, at least, productive of no absolute evil; but he was entirely ruled by his nephew, who had contrived to establish a strange influence over him; and Malcolm Sherwood was, as we have seen, a man of narrow mind and brutal passions.

"You look pale and appear nervous, Helen," said her father, observing her uneasily. "Is anything wrong? Where is Doctor Conroy, child? I do wish you would be more agreeable to that young man. He is of infinite service to me, and I can't get on without his attentions. It would make it so much pleasanter if you were friends and seemed at ease with each other."

Mr. Herbert, like all sick people, was at times fretful and impatient.

Such was his tone on this occasion; but his daughter was a loving, unselfish being, who thought far more of him than of any petty annoyance of her own. It was impossible to explain what she could not quite understand—namely, the coldness of Percy Conroy's manner, and secret devotion of his acts.

It made her heart beat to suffocation to hear his name, and then to be reproached for want of courtesy to him.

She tried to smile and murmur some reassuring reply; but presently he appeared, and her father called to him. Then, as was her habit, she slipped quietly away.

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There was an ominous hush on the ship all day. Helen felt, she knew not why, as if some fearful storm was brewing. Contrary to expectation, not a word of comment, not even a look of insubordination, had followed the arrest and ironing of the ship's favorite's—the quick, flashing-spirited mate, and the handsome young Dane.

"I've got the dogs under!" said the boastful and loud-mouthed Malcolm, at the supper-table, with a bullying air.

"There was a couple of sailors came to the captain's door at four bells. They had a paper in their hands," said Shelton, the second mate, who looked serious, and seemed to Helen to be quite sober for the first time since they had rounded Cape Horn.

"Bah!" cried his superior, in a tone of intense disgust. "The idiots had drawn up a remonstrance; but it will be the last job of that sort they'll try. I tore it up and threw it in their faces!"

Helen, looking up, suddenly met the steward's eye while he was busily waiting on the speaker. Its expression was simply murderous, and his eyes glared like a basilisk's. In a moment it changed and a mask seemed to have been pulled over his features; but the remembrance of the look chilled her blood, and filled her with vague, distracting fears.

Her father was unusually weak, and needed more than ordinary attention that evening. It was quite late before she had done waiting on him and he fell into a peaceful doze.

Leaving Zillah to watch him within call, she stepped out again on deck, anxious to learn poor Pierre's condition from one of the sailors.

It was quite dark. She moved so silently, wrapped in a gray mantle, that she reached the mainmast unobserved by two sailors, who were cautiously ascending, one after the other, the steps at the side of the galley-door, on the roof of which, exposed to the blazing sun of a tropic sky, the petty tyrant, Malcolm Sherwood, had chained and ironed the objects of his fury all that day.

They were there yet, bound in a kneeling posture, side by side, and they leaned eagerly over to converse with the two men who moved stealthily toward them.

Helen listened in breathless terror; her own and her father's safety hung on their words, for a growing dread within her soul had taken form, and was now either to be dispelled or realized.

Coming within the shadow of the almost windless sail, her ear strained to agony lest she should lose a word, and her eyes fixed with a fearful fascination on the coarse forms that seemed to decide her destiny, she waited, dreading, yet eager to hear.

The two bound men spoke in sharp, incisive tones; the two free ones listened and agreed.

An awful compact had been made and attested. A few hours would see it fulfilled. Ah, it was true, too true, then. Her instincts had forewarned her, and her worst fears were about to be verified.

She pressed one hand on her heart, the other over her eyes, and called her courage and cunning to her aid; for Helen Herbert was in the midst of mutineers. She had heard their plans discussed, and knew that in five hours lawless madness would reign aboard the Albatross, as a fitting successor to months of brutal tyranny, and that her maid was in the plot, and the willing conquest of Francois, the Mauritian steward, while she was to fall to the share of Manuel Frero, the young Spaniard, the future commander of the Albatross.

She stood so long in the cool, silent darkness, gathering her frightened wits that it was well her form was slender and her cloak gray, or she would have been discovered.

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Dr. Percy Conroy had visited the captain that evening, and finding a threatened attack of fever, persuaded him to abate his libations and join him in the cabin at a game of cards.

It was thus engaged that Helen found them both, and though her manner was a little nervous, she looked so charming when she said she had a boon to beg, that old Sherwood, once famed for gallantry, yielded at once.

It was the freedom of the two prisoners whom Malcolm had, she said, forgotten.

While the captain gave orders for their liberation, she went to her father's stateroom and filled two glasses with wine. Into each of these she poured a strong sleeping potion, and quietly slipped out with them to meet the mutineers.

Every pretty woman knows her power. Helen calculated largely on hers; with gentle words of sympathy and kindness she soothed the savage mood of Manuel and Neptune, and with grateful respect they drank her health in the glasses they drained, allowing her to fill them again and again.

When they retired, and she returned to the cabin, she quickly locked the door behind her, and, first of all extorting from the captain a signed pardon for the offenders, she told the story of their wrongs, as only a roused woman can.

Day by day she had endured to see her father's ship the scene of basest cruelty and meanest persecution. Hour by hour she had shrunk more and more from the ungoverned coarseness and insolence of Malcolm Sherwood.

"My father is ill, and mine is a friendless position," she said, bursting into tears.

Percy Conroy's face was very pale; its changing expression betrayed many powerful emotions, one of the strongest being a sensitive pride and reserve, which at last gave way with a sudden burst of feeling.

"Miss Herbert, if I dared—if I might presume—I would be only too happy to devote my whole life to you," he cried.

She turned to him with streaming eyes, but with a light that like a rainbow spanned her tears.

"Oh, Dr. Conroy, help Captain Sherwood to gain his command of his men! Advise him to pardon every one, and astonish them at once by his decision and his clemency; help him to save us all in this real peril, and papa will owe you a lifelong gratitude; while I—I—"

She sobbed and covered her face with one hand; but the other was held persuadingly toward him. He seized and kissed it fondly.

"First these two, Frero and Neptune, must be secured," he said.

"I think they are perfectly quiet for the night," Helen said, gently.

And she narrated the way she had taken to quell the mutiny, or at least gain time on the mutineers.

It proved effective; the sudden and prolonged slumber of the leaders deferred the attack. Captain Sherwood, roused to his duties, deposed his bullying nephew and took command in person.

The plan proposed by Helen worked like a miracle, and Percy Conroy, whose poverty (for his skill was his only fortune) had held him aloof from the beautiful heiress, was made so active in her and her father's defense that he never retired into himself again, for he became his patient's son-in-law at the end of the voyage, and was, in spite of himself, made a rich man.

"You saved papa and saved me, too," Helen said, when for a moment a sense of his own poverty made him uncomfortable. "If you don't think we are worth anything then you had better have let us go with the mutineers of the Albatross."

FAMILY DOCTOR.

A good liniment for cuts, bruises, etc., can be made by soaking common Maywood leaves in alcohol.

As soon as a felon is felt, put a fly blister over it, and in six hours it can be picked out with a needle.

An exchange says an ounce of cream of tartar in a pint of water, drank at intervals, is a certain cure for smallpox. But an ounce of preventive by vaccination is better.

A wash made from the spotted alder is recommended for ivy poisoning. Also the shop water of a blacksmith's trough as a sure cure for poison ivy, and dogwood and strong salt and water as an antidote for the poisoning of sumach.

Contagion is largely propagated by means of the clothing, and clothing is best disinfected by heat. No form of contagion can withstand a dry heat of 220 degrees. The clothing should be placed in a box or a closet maintained at that temperature for perhaps an hour. Carbolic acid will not destroy the effect of vaccine virus but for the time being.

Nine times out of ten the cause of sick headache is in the fact that the stomach is not able to digest the food last introduced into it, either from its having been unsuitable or excessive in quality. A diet of bread and butter, with ripe fruit or berries, with moderate, continuous exercise in the open air, sufficient to keep up a gentle perspiration, will often cure in a short time. One teaspoonful of powdered charcoal in half a glass of water, and drank, sometimes gives relief. And yet the above remedy will not avail in all cases. A sovereign remedy for this disease is not easily found. A correspondent contributes the following: Sick headache is periodical, and is the signal of distress which the stomach puts up to inform us that there is an over-alkaline condition of its fluids; that it needs a natural acid to restore the battery to its normal working condition. When the first symptoms of a headache appear, take a teaspoonful of lemon-juice clear, fifteen minutes before each meal, and the same dose at bedtime. Follow this up until all symptoms are past, taking no other remedies, and you will soon be able to go free from your unwelcome nuisance. Many will object to this because the remedy is too simple, but I have made many cures in this way—*Dr. Haire.*

Some of Josh Billings' aphorisms done into English spelling:

The man who gets bit twice by the same dog is better adapted for that kind of business than any other.

There is a great deal of religion in this world that is like a life-preserver, only put on at the moment of immediate danger and then half the time put on hind side before.

Experience is a school where a man learns what a big fool he has been.

The man who doesn't believe in any hereafter has got a dreadfully mean opinion of himself and his chances.

Last year two of Boston's largest hotels paid $6 per ton for ice to a company that has supplied them for twenty years; but this year they pay only $2.25.

TEMPERANCE.

The law of the woods and the lumberman's camp is, "No liquor." When one of the dozen lumbermen running a raft can take the life of the other eleven by a misstep, the reason is seen for the law.—*Signal.*

A Chicago artist who, it is said, can earn $10,000 a year, has been an habitual drunkard for five or six years. His wife has sued a saloon-keeper for $25,000 damages on the ground that it is due to his influence that her husband squanders his money and neglects his work.

Pittsburg, Philadelphia, Cincinnati and Springfield, Ill., all rejoice in a quiet Sunday, owing to the late law and order elections in those cities. Chicago, which repudiated law enforcement last April, has a murder or attempted murder every Sabbath, always resulting from and generally occurring in the open saloon.

If the Christians of this country could realize the magnitude of this evil, and how it stands in the way of all our efforts to save men, and could be induced to act together, forgetting for the time either church or party differences, there would be little doubt of securing necessary laws to prohibit the sale of intoxicating drinks.

Said a flippant skeptic once: "Why do you take so much trouble to persuade men to be total abstainers—why not let every man go to the devil in his own way?" "Because the inhabitants of this country are all passengers in one big ship, and we don't want to see some of them boring gimlet holes in the bottom," was the reply which we could not fail to appreciate.

Porter first came into use in London in 1722, and took its name from the fact that it was specially made for porters and working people. It was the custom, at that time, to call for "half-and-half" which meant half ale and half beer. In the course of time, a brewer named Harwood adopted the plan of making a liquor which united the flavor of both, and called it "Entire," which may now be seen on the signboards of the public-houses in London and elsewhere. Stout is only another name for porter, whether made by Guinness or anyone else.

I remember well the case of a gentleman whose legs would get drunk two hours before his brain became affected. I have often seen him taken home by persons whose heads were giddy with drink, but whose legs were firm, while his brain appeared perfectly sober, though he had no power of locomotion. He was often far more sober in his conversation than the companions who carried him home; yet, if left alone, he would suddenly fall to the ground, his legs useless and paralyzed. When at the public-house he was often asked to have 'just another glass," he would answer, "I will, if you will see me safe home afterward."—*Henry Monroe, M. D.*

The business of the saloon-keeper is as legitimate as is that of the butcher's; both are there by the will of the people.—*Detroit Public Leader.*

Of course it's legitimate to sell whisky. That is just what we are indignant at. Prostitution was legitimate in St. Louis a few years ago. Some of the most "prominent citizens" of Chicago want it made legitimate there. Mayor Harrison says gambling cannot be suppressed, and wants it made legitimate. Selling human beings was once a legitimate and very high-toned business. The thirteenth and fifteenth amendment made it not only illegitimate and unprofitable, but very unsafe. When we get the sixteenth and seventeenth amendment to the national constitution the whisky business will go the same road.

PEARLS OF THOUGHT.

There is no time in a man's life when he is so great as when he cheerfully bows to the necessity of his position and makes the best of it.

Some happy talent and some fortunate opportunity may form the two sides of the ladder on which some men mount, but the rounds of the ladder must be made of stuff to stand the wear and tear, and there is no substitute for thorough-going ardent and sincere earnestness.

As soon as we come sufficiently into sympathy with any one to conceive correctly of his state of mind, we at once judge him more kindly; and the more widely we can extend this sympathy the more charity we shall exercise for the tried and tempted all around us, and the more wisely shall we be able to render them the aid they so sorely need.

Bear patiently with the invalids. Their lives are sad enough through their sorrow and incompleteness. Smooth gently their fevered pillows and whisper some word of comfort to their tired hearts. It cannot always last. By-and-by there will come a change. The querulous tones and pale faces will give place to cheerful words and the rose-hue of health; or possibly the grave will have hidden them from your sight for ever.

CRESCENT AND CROSS.

In a book recently published, M. Charles Graux tells a striking story of the great fire at the Escurial in 1761, to which so many literary losses may be traced. The library itself was really not in danger from the flames, but the librarian in a panic first threw a great many books out of the window, and then removed the rest to a vaulted and thickly-walled room in another part of the building. But Spanish pride along with the MSS had rescued the Turkish flag captured at Lepanto, and by a strange accident, the crescent at last avenged itself on the cross. As the standard hung against a pillar beside the books, a spark from the blazing rooms outside fell upon it. It flamed up, fell upon the parchments lying heaped round it, and in a few minutes, before what had happened was even discovered, priceless MSS had been destroyed. Their charred fragments were for the most part swept away into final oblivion, but some of the blackened leaves, says M. Graux, still survive to tempt the expert.

RUM MURDER.

MARTIN SACRIFICES WIFE AND BABY.

On a black hair-cloth sofa in the best room of the house at 86 Nassau street, Newark, lay little Nellie Martin on a recent morning, dead. She had suffered for five hours after her father shot her. The body of Mrs Martin, the other victim of the murder, was in an undertaker's ice box in the same room.

The house is a plain two-story frame cottage, with a parlor, dining-room and kitchen on the ground floor, and two bedrooms above. It is neatly furnished. Among the pictures on the walls of the parlor are two large and fine engravings. Back of this is the dining-room. The previous night Mrs. Martin was in the dining room with her son Charlie, aged 11 years. Her six months old infant lay asleep on the sofa in the parlor, while Nellie, who was a year older, was in her crib in the sleeping room of her parents, up stairs. Edward, aged 15 years, who, besides Mr Martin, was the only other member of the family, was in the street in front of the house. The dining-room door opened, and Robert Martin, the husband and father, entered and sat down in a chair. He had been out during the afternoon and evening, and was intoxicated. It is understood that for some time before going to his home he was in a neighboring saloon, playing pool and drinking. Shortly after his appearance in the house Mrs. Martin sent Charlie out to look for his brother Edward. When he returned, the boy reported that Edward had gone to a fire.

"When I see him," said the father, "he'll get fire for going out, after being so sick."

"You were sick the other day yourself," answered Mrs. Martin.

The man says she scolded him for drinking and remaining from home so long. The boy says the foregoing conversation was all that he heard. His father seized a chair, and his mother fled out of the back door, while he ran up stairs and locked himself in his little room at the head of the stairs. His father followed him and went to his own room in the front part of the house, and awoke the child Nellie. Hearing the little one crying, Mrs. Martin hurried up stairs. She found the door of her room locked. She pounded on the door and said:—

"I'll have that baby."

Getting into the room, she seized the child, and started to go down stairs with Nellie in her arms. Immediately three pistol shots were fired in quick succession. Martin had followed her, and standing behind her at the head of the stairs or else in the upper hall, and facing her, he discharged three chambers of his revolver. He returned to his room and remained a minute. Meanwhile Edward Martin, having heard the shots, rushed into the house, and met his mother at the foot of the stairs. She had dropped to the floor, and her head was falling upon her breast. She said nothing, but feebly held the babe out toward her son. Edward took the child and ran into the next house with it, returning just in time to see his father pass out of the front door. Charlie Martin says he opened the door of his room just after his father went down stairs. The hall was dim and full of the smell of smoke. He saw his father standing over the lifeless form at the foot of the stairs, and heard him say:—

"I'll be hanged for this; I'd better get away from here."

Then he opened the front door and went out.

An alarm had already been given, and after he had gone only a few steps Martin was arrested. Policeman Smith stepped up and inquired:—

"What is the matter?"

"Oh, I'm going to be hung," replied Martin. "I've shot my wife. I've been drinking for a few days and she made me mad."

Martin is 50 years old, and his wife was 33. Born in England, he went to Cuba and earned a small fortune as the mechanical engineer for a railroad. His first wife died, leaving three young sons. He went to Newark, and there, some twelve years ago, married Sarah Jackson. She accompanied him to Cuba and lived there until three years ago, when, because of his cruel treatment of her, she returned to Newark. He followed her and induced her to live with him again. They lived on his money. Martin was of an irritable disposition, but, except when under the influence of liquor, was not unkind. Ten days ago he was ill. Prior to that he drank little liquor for seven months, but as soon as he was well enough to go out he began to drink freely. He showed by his serious face at his examination and his exclamation, "Oh, my God, this is terrible!" that he realized what he had done. He is of good hight, strongly built, and has a sallow face, with light blue eyes. Martin requested an officer to give him whisky to strengthen his nerves, and to allow him to see his dead wife and child.

He said the shooting was unintentional; that when his wife was "nagging" him he went to his room and locked the door. She came to the room and pounded so hard on the door that he finally opened it. Then she scolded him again, and he showed her his revolver to quiet her. It went off, but he does not know how. He told a friend that he made $900 by betting on Iroquois in the Derby race. Martin trembled all day, and could not eat.—*N. Y. Sun.*

WARNING TO BOYS.

Here is a story for those little boys who have a mind to run away with the circus. Leotard Carlo was made a performer in the ring when he was only two years old, beginning as a postarant for riders, and afterward becoming expert on the trapeze. He wore the brightest of spangled costumes, smiled industriously while at work, and altogether was an object of envy to juvenile spectators. A few days ago a pitiably ragged and wan lad of 12 was caught stealing a drink of milk from a can in a Boston street. Being arrested, he said that he was Leotard Carlo, that lameness had incapacitated him for gymnastic feats, and that for months he had been a starving, shelterless tramp.

SELECTED.

A revised New Testament peddler was chased out of an Iowa town by the women, who resented any change in the book.

New Orleans has gained back all of its old-time commercial prosperity, being now the largest exporter, after New York, of southwestern produce.

A new marine plant, fucus vesiculosus, is claimed by Brazilian druggists to be a sovereign remedy against obesity. Fat people can try it without any risk to health.

On the spot where the late emperor of Russia fell, the Russians are building an expiatory church, the cost of which is defrayed by subscription throughout the empire. The subscriptions received in St. Petersburg alone amount to close upon $40,000.

In some of the rural districts of Italy a lover who wishes to make a declaration of his passion places rose-leaves before the door of the lady. If she is unwilling to favor him, she sweeps them away; but, if she is willing to accept him, the rose-leaves remain.

Dr. Carver, the famous rifle shot, now in England, was challenged by a marksman called De Jongh, who was said to be a Boer from the Transvaal, and a great shot. They shot several matches, when it transpired that Mr. De Jongh was Ira Paine, a well-known professional of New York.

A Turk, who was imprisoned for life at Chios, for the crime of translating the Bible into Turkish, found himself suddenly released by the earthquake, which knocked over his prison walls without hurting him. He scampered away to the bay, boarded an English steamer, and is now in London.

The hull of Commodore Perry's flagship, the Lawrence, is still sailing the lakes under the name of Harriet Ross, a schooner of 170 tons burden. Her upper works have been rebuilt several times, but her hull is as sound as when she went into the battle of Lake Erie, Sept. 10, 1813.

The following from upper Silesia three months ago throws light upon the enormous arrivals at Castle Garden: "No grain, no potatoes, no food for cattle, no seed for sowing. Snow and cold without. Hunger and sickness within." Soup houses and public kitchens have been started in seventeen villages.

A movement is afoot among the Parsees of Bombay, says the Athenæum, to promote the spread of religious education amongst the members of their community. It is proposed, amongst other things, to establish a free library, and to take steps towards bringing the favorable opinions expressed by European savants with respect to Zoroastrianism within reach of all.

There are at present, in the Old World and the New World, more than a hundred thousand railway locomotives. Their total force is equal to 30,000,000 horse power, and all the other steam engines on the globe are estimated at 46,000,000 horse power. The technical "horse power," however, is really equal to three average horses, and each horse to about seven men; the aggregate power, therefore, of all the engines being vastly more than the effective force of all the human workers living. Four-fifths of the steam-engines now at work have been made within a quarter of a century or so.

A new ballot box has just been submitted to the French government. It has two locks, each opening with a different key, and an apparatus which clips a stub or corner from the ticket deposited by the elector, and drops the stub into one part of the box, the ticket going into the other division. Simultaneously the machine registers on a tablet before the voter the number of tickets clipped. The ballots must agree in number with the stubs, and both with the "tell-tale," and the voter sees for himself that his ballot has been cast and taken account of.

INDIAN EXTERMINATOR.

Col. Pfeiffer, who died recently in New Mexico, was famous as a slayer of Indians twenty-five years ago, and his reputation was not made by a dime novel like that of the later border heroes. While in command of a government fort on the Rio Grande, he went with his wife to a hot sulphur spring, six miles away, to bathe as a cure for rheumatism. Ten soldiers constituted a guard; but these fled on the approach of a band of Apaches, and the Indians killed the two women. Pfeiffer escaped by swimming the river, though badly wounded. For years he devoted all his energies to wreaking his vengeance upon the savages, sometimes leading one tribe in a massacre of another, and in every possible way exterminating as many as he could. It was only when old age incapacited him for the work that he settled down to a bloodless life.

SEEKING TREASURE.

Spanish history says that a ship sent to South America in 1800 to collect tribute from the colonies of Spain was sunk near the mouth of the Rio de la Plata, with $9,000,000 aboard. The money is supposed to lie to-day at the bottom of the ocean, in a strong iron safe. An expedition has just sailed from Philadelphia to recover this treasure. The leader is Capt. Charles A. Jones, who has already made a fortune in the South American wrecking business. He goes in an iron steamship, supplied with apparatus for removing the deep mud supposed to cover the dollars.

TORTURE.

Being photographed is a delightful recreation; there is only one thing that beats it—and that is accompanying a child to have its picture taken. The instantaneous process lasts, on the average, two hours, and the result is a blurred and indistinct representation of the cherished infant, perfectly unrecognizable by those who are only acquainted with it in placid moments. A second operation is an absolute necessity, and final success is only met with after infinite torture.

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NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS.

WOODSTOCK.

A cool rain was very welcomely received here Sunday.

Mr. Isaac Fox, whose leg was broken some four weeks since, is getting along nicely and is able to be about the house with the aid of crutches.

The Pemigewasset R. R. is the chief topic of conversation here at present.

The concert at the Baptist church last Sabbath was a perfect success.

G. F. Russell is painting and otherwise repairing his house.

Mrs. W. H. Brazier of Boston, is visiting at Moody Howland's.

Mrs. Reuben Parker is failing slowly.

Several of the young men attended Barnum's circus last week.

Willie Brazier and Moody Howland's sons have killed 13 hedgehogs and eight woodchucks this spring.

Rev. Mr. Cole was in town last week.

R. F. Smith caught a trout near E. M. Gordon's mill last Saturday, which weighed nearly two pounds.

Another frost visited us last Thursday, the 23rd, which caused long faces among the farmers. C. A. S.

The Woodstock Literary Society met with Mrs. H. N. Russell June 25. Quite a large number were present, and the society which has been organized but a short time proves quite interesting.

Mr. Thomas Gray is repairing his house and fence in front, which is quite an improvement to his place.

While Mr. William Jones was hauling lumber from Mr. Gordon's mill at North Woodstock, his horse, which is a spirited animal, became frightened, upsetting the load, breaking Mr. Jones' collar bone and otherwise injuring him.

Rev. Mr. Favor preached at West Thornton last Sabbath in exchange with Rev. Mr. Topping who preached at the Baptist church in this place. NED.

It has been very dry and vegetation has suffered very badly here in consequence of it. The hay crop will be light. Gardens have suffered from the drouth very much. Some owners have watered them with water, but others have not and their plants have dried up. Daniel Dearborn has running water in his garden by means of spouts from a spring.

Isaac Fox has got so as to be out on crutches.

There was a concert at the first Baptist church, the 26th. It was well attended and all enjoyed a good time.

Mrs. Parker is not any better.

Thomas Gray is repairing and painting his house.

William Jones met with a severe accident as he was getting into his wagon, for his horse started and he fell on a stone. He broke his collar bone and otherwise injured himself. COR.

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Help is very scarce in town at present.

N. T. Dwyer is now shingling his buildings.

The Baptist circle will meet at Rev. Mr. Favor's next Wednesday, July 6. All are invited to attend.

Miss Mary A. Dearborn, daughter of Daniel Dearborn, is suffering with sciatica rheumatism.

The Ashland *Advance* is acquiring a large circulation here considering the short time it has been published.

Mrs. Josephine Brazier, wife of Wm. Brazier, a distinguished printer of Boston, is stopping in town.

Two cows belonging to James Burney and E. A. Sawyer, got their horns so entangled while in the pasture that a part of their horns had to be sawed off before their heads could be disunited. PEN.

Isaac Fox is rapidly recovering from the accident which he met with, and is now able to ride short distances.

The Literary Society held a very interesting meeting Saturday, June 25, at Mrs. Gilman Russell's. The whole number present was 25; number that took part, 10. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. James Bryant's, Saturday, July 9.

BRIDGEWATER.

Bridgewater voted to build a new town house last Thursday, and chose a building committee consisting of Samuel Fifield, Lorenzo Flanders and Kendell Pillsbury.

One of our farmers pays as high as $40 per month for a hired hand in haying.

A great deal of excitement has been caused on Bridgewater Hill, about four miles west of Ashland, by disturbances of the earth's surface. Mr. E. E. Upham, while plowing, heard but a short distance from him a noise resembling the rumbling of a train of cars, and felt a slight shock as of an earthquake. The noise has been distinctly heard by the neighbors several times within the past few days, and shocks are frequent. Considerable apprehension is felt by the dwellers on the hill as to the cause of the disturbance. A light smoke has been seen ascending from the rocks at the summit, the smoke usually accompanying the internal noises. Geologists find evidences of volcanic eruptions in the White Mountains, fifty miles north, and perhaps the hidden forces are about to break forth at Ashland.—*Boston Journal.*

Some people, however, say the above is greatly exaggerated and that a sulphur spring is responsible for the remainder.

WEST RUMNEY.

Mrs. C. B. Simpson, wife of our esteemed merchant, died Sunday, June 19. She leaves a family of four children, the youngest a little boy of ten months old. Mr. Simpson has the deepest sympathy of all his friends in his bereavement.

Carrie Avery died Saturday morning June 25th. She was the eldest daughter of Elbridge Avery of West Rumney.

Some of our farmers have commenced haying.

CAMPTON.

Isaac McCausland lost a valuable horse this week. A snake 11 3-4 inches long was taken from his throat, and it is supposed to have caused his death.

Dr. Muchmore is improving the looks of his house by shingling, clapboarding and painting.

Many of our farmers have commenced haying and a light crop is the general complaint.

C. W. Johnson, Jr., has been appointed Justice of the Peace for Grafton County, and has been duly qualified. Charlie will make a good one.

Dustin Moulton has purchased a horse of J. C. Blair. M.

Mrs. Harriet C. Dole, wife of John Dole, Esq., of Bangor, and oldest daughter of the late Gen. Moses Cook of Laconia, has been visiting relatives here.

Miss Anna Blakely has returned from school at South Hadley, Mass., it being vacation.

Ernest W. Dow has also come home to spend his vacation, from the Hamilton University, New York.

Moses B. Russell, an artist of Boston, passed through our town a few days since on his way to Woodstock, to spend a few weeks among friends.

We have seen the new comet in the northern spheres. It is a pretty thing, and appears about as large as a large sized rubber ball with several brilliant emanations trailing from it at an angle of about 35 degrees, extending in a northeasterly direction. The query now is, which way is it going? And, will it appear any larger to us before it passes out of sight?

We have had some splendid rains recently, which have broken the drought and insured a good yield of hay. Other crops are rather "backward," on account of the cold June which has just passed. There is sufficient time however, yet, if the season henceforward should be favorable, for an average yield.

The ordination of one of our Campton young men to the ministry, Edwin H. Stickney, a recent graduate from Andover, Mass., theological seminary, occurs on Tuesday, July 5th, at the Congregational meeting-house. Public services in the afternoon at the ringing of the bell.

June 19 passed, and "old mother Earth" still keeps on her way through the endless rounds of space, just the same as she always has done and as she probably always will do. False prophets had best "dry up" now, and let the Power which creates, sustains and controls all things, manage those things which relate to the final disposition of the substances which, together, make up this little "world" of ours, just as He pleases, in accordance with His immutable statutes.

Now that the Telephone is in successful operation, and all are pleased with the accommodations afforded by it, our citizens are nearly all talking *Railroad*, and we really begin to think, that those who survive a year or two will witness not only the "breaking of the ground, for the Pemigewasset Valley Railroad, (or some other one) but will see a road completed, and the iron horse speeding on his course up and down, through this and towns adjoining and north of us. So push along, ye cars of progress. Speed on, ye wheels of time. Let none be so presumptuous as to be casting obstacles in the way to hinder the works of art from doing their best to bring about "the greatest good to the greatest number." "The old man of the mountain," up in Franconia, seems much pleased in witnessing the march of events; and, it is said, by those that have seen him this season, that, although he is growing old as well as the rest of us, he is sure that the two roads north and south of him will, ere long, be bringing his visitors to greet him as the king of the rocks and hills. The giant trees of the forests, too, are aching to be cut down and transported to our lower villages and cities, to be utilized in the construction of numerous buildings, small and great, that will be required in the coming decades for the benefit of the capitalist and the laborer as well.

A Mr. Emerson is repairing the appurtenances of the Tannery at Blair's mills, in the Hollow, with the intention of doing something in the tannery business. Success to him.

Miss Winnie Dow, who has been very ill for several weeks, is improving, and her friends are now hoping she will recover.

An aged lady, the mother of Widow Benjamin Adams on the Bog road, died at the residence of the latter, Saturday, June 25th. W.

The Congregational church has called a council for July 5th at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to advise and assist with regard to the ordination of Mr. Edwin H. Stickney, a member of this church, and having accepted a call to labor in the gospel among the new settlements in a distant state, under the auspices of the A. H. M. Society. It is expected that the examination of the candidate will be at 10 o'clock a. m. and the services of ordination, if the council shall approve, at two o'clock in the afternoon. Q. B.

J. H. Caldon has dug some large sized potatoes, having saved them from the late frost by a liberal application of water. He, as well as many others, have their crops badly attacked by the rose bugs.

Hon. Moody Merrill came to Beech Hill last Friday with furniture, carpeting, &c., preparatory for company at his house soon after the 4th of July. Edgar Merrill has been repairing the buildings and fitting up the grounds for some time past.

Arthur W. L. Nelson is at home from Tilton spending his vacation.

Mrs. Joshua Clark arrived at home last week after an absence of two months, visiting friends in Conn., Lowell, and Sanbornton.

Geo. Coffin's youngest child is sick with the measles.

Mrs. Isaac Johnson's mother is confined to her bed.

WENTWORTH.

Mrs. Hattie McQuesten of Washington, D. C., and Miss Anna E. Peabody of Brooklyn, N. Y., have made short calls upon their numerous friends here. We heartily wish they could remain with us.

Hon. J. E. Sargent of Concord, was in town the first of the week. Mrs. Sargent, with her son George, are stopping with Mrs. J. Eaton.

Mr. and Mrs. George Webster, accompanied by the mother of Mrs. Webster, are visiting Mr. H. Webster.

The I. O. of G. T. had a strawberry supper Wednesday evening. The G. W. C. T., George A. Bailey, was present.

The "Ladies Aid" met with Mrs. Maynard Davis, Wednesday, p. m.

Mrs. J. Atwell has returned to Peacham, Vt.

The remains of Mr. Samuel Tilton, who was killed on the cars, were brought to this place for burial Tuesday.

Mr. C. Piper is still very feeble.

The health of Mr. W. O. Chase is somewhat improved.

Mrs. J. D. Webber used for the first time last week her crystal table service which was presented to them on the occasion of their crystal wedding. May their future lives be as free from trouble as these crystals are from blemish.

Miss May Cogswell of Wellesley College is now spending her vacation at home. TEMPLAR.

NEW HAMPTON.

MR. EDITOR: Last week was the grand week of the year for New Hampton; crowds of old students and friends of the Institution have been here, and our village has seemed almost a metropolis. The lecture Monday night by Rev. Mr. Thompson, of Bristol, was one of the best it was ever our fortune to listen to. Tuesday night was the prize speaking of the middle class. Unusual interest has been manifested in this by both students and townspeople. Good judges in the audience pronounced it to be as fine a programme as we have had for some years. The prizes were awarded as follows; 1, C. L. Sawyer, Wadleigh Falls, N. H.; 2, D. L. Aldrich, Jr., Hope Valley, R. I.; 1, honorable mention, C. N. Preston, Barrington, N. H.; 2, F. M. Irving, Kennebunk, Me. The board of Judges were: Messrs. Stockin, Blake, Flanders, Willey and Rand. Prof. Stockin announced the prizes, pronouncing the speaking the best of the kind he had ever heard. He referred especially to the perfect committal of the pieces and the manner in which the speakers seemed to throw themselves into the spirit of them as intended by the authors. All the pieces were delivered without the slightest hesitation or prompting, and he only regretted that the committee were unable to grant each a prize. The audience and speakers received Prof. Stockin's remarks with applause and seemed well satisfied with the decision. The lecture, Wednesday evening, by Rev. Elias Nason, of Boston, on the subject of "Originality," was good, and fully sustained that gentleman's reputation as one of the finest lecturers in the country. The examination of the classes, Tuesday and Wednesday, was in every way satisfactory and reflected much credit on both students and teachers. The graduating exercises occurred Thursday, June 23. The following was the programme:

Prayer; music; Salutatory, Adaptation Necessary to Success, Mary Martha Cass, Bristol; Oration, Trust not the Allure to Elfy Sons, John Moses Cheney, Woodsville; Oration, Art during Monuments, James K. Durgin, Tuftonboro'; Music; Oration, The Money or the Man? Horace J. Davis, Contoocook; Oration, Greatness in Littleness, Charles W. Haley, Tuftonboro'; Essay, Energy of Character, Carrie E. Flanders, New Hampton; Oration, Fame is but Impenetrable Causes, George E. Hastings, Canton; Music; Oration, Accumulated Brain Power, Benjamin Franklin Nutting, Ashland; Essay, Corn and Roses, Luella J. Lock, Alexandria; Oration, Is Evolution not True Theory? Alf. Frank Anson Smith, Haverhill; Neg., Frank P. Morrill, Bridgewater; Recess; Music; Oration, Our Founders, our Guides, Henry M. Robinson, Meredith; Essay, Rewards of Authorship, Julia V. Sanborn, New Hampton; Latin Oration, Spes Sibi Sulsque, George N. Johnson, New Hampton; Music; Essay, The Ground of Culture, Ella M. Smith, New Hampton; Greek Oration, The Trial of Socrates, George Washington Ransom, Durham; Essay, with address to the Germanae, Throw no Pokes to Cerberus, Hannah A. Wilsden, New Hampton; Music; Oration with address to the Literary Adelphi, Cash and Cash, George Dexter Bullock, Wentworth; Music; Oration with address to the Social Fraternity; The Throne of Danger is the Throne of Power, Albert Parker Wordon, Bristol; Oration with Valedictory Address, Patriotism not Dead, Samuel Letson, Moores Forks, N. Y.; Music; Award of Prizes; Presentation of Diplomas; Benediction.

The hall was crowded, many being unable to gain admittance. The exercises passed off in a very satisfactory manner. The class of '81, as Prof. Messervey remarked in his address, contains more than the average amount of ability. The essays and orations were marked by a depth of thought and clearness of expression beyond that which is usually found in such cases, and we should be surprised if many of the class are not heard from in the future. The addresses were made by Prof. A. B. Messervey. He reminded the class that the unseen barrier, which by nature of their positions, had previously existed between them, was removed, and henceforth they would meet, not as teacher and students, but as friends. He spoke in highest terms of the conduct of the class, and predicted for them a successful future, if they continued in the same straightforward path. Then followed the awarding of the diplomas, after which Prof. Quimby, of Tilton Seminary, made some pleasing remarks, and pronounced the benediction. The class of '81 go forth from this place with the good wishes of all our citizens. Many of them have been with us, off and on, almost from childhood and their familiar faces have grown dear to us. We wish them well, may their after life be as successful as their school life. XERXES, JR.

While Mr. and Mrs. Robinson LaBarron were away visiting last week, some thief entered their house and took nearly 50 pounds of salt pork and about the same quantity of maple sugar.

Lemuel Smith has five hens that laid in one day seven eggs and the next day nine eggs.

J. R. Quimby of Meredith has bought the Fountain House.

SUGAR HILL.

We are all glad to welcome the rain of this Tuesday morning. Grass, grain and everything of the vegetable kind were suffering from the drought.

Our village school, taught by Mrs. Milo Little, closed on Friday last after a pleasant term of 10 weeks. The rhetorical exercises at the close, and examinations, were attended by a goodly number of citizens.

The boarding houses are being filled quite fast. Messrs. Bowles & Haskins have a goodly number at the Sunset Hill House, and Mr. Nathan Whipple of Cedar Cottage has several boarders.

The Sunset Hill stable is being pushed forward and it is hoped will be ready for occupancy early in July.

We notice very many improvements in the grounds and outbuildings of our citizens and are glad to note it.

Mr. John Taylor has sold his home here to Mr. Benj. Bowles, and it is now occupied by his son, Mr. Miles Bowles.

THORNTON.

Cold weather!

A. H. Kendall has four boarders.

Charles Weeks is shingling his barn.

Caleb Emmons has returned to Danbury.

Rev. Mr. Topping exchanged with Rev. Mr. Favor of Woodstock last Sabbath.

Petitions for and against a general railroad law are being circulated.

Drs. Huckins of Ashland and Marston of Plymouth were in town Saturday, the guests of Dr. Putnam.

GROTON.

The steam mill of A. B. Crosby, and 50,000 feet of sawed lumber, was burned at five o'clock last Saturday morning. Loss, $2,000. No insurance. The fire is supposed to have caught from ashes.

Mr. Sylvester Wheet lost a fine colt Friday about two weeks old, by being cast in a hollow and beating his head against a rock.

Sunday Mr. Guy Richardson had a fine two years old Jersey bull hooked to death in the pasture.

Mr. Frank A. Southwick and Mr. Henry Powers, formerly of this town, have this week had M. D. added to their names.

The heavy showers of Tuesday afternoon and evening washed our hilly roads very badly.

The mica interests are still booming.

Mr. J. C. Hall is fixing his house up in the latest styles in architecture.

Mr. Joseph Burleigh has his store nearly completed. D.

RUMNEY.

Miss Grace A. Stevens is teaching in East Rumney.

The village schools closed Friday the 1st.

Miss Nellie M. Annis closed a very agreeable seven weeks term of school in Fales' district Friday, the 24th. Four young ladies, Alice Fales, Cora Fales, Linnie County and Mamie Avery, had not been absent or tardy during the term, and their names found a place upon the Roll of Honor.

The comet has been the topic of the day for a week.

The family horse belonging to O. W. Stevens, while feeding by the side of the road in front of his house recently, was hooked in the bridget by one of G. Jones' cows. The wound will probably be a fatal one to the horse.

S. W. Avery, our enterprising butcher, is having a new front, 20x27, two stories high added to his buildings.

If our townspeople had more of the spirit to help, and were less anxious to add stumbling stones to the paths of their neighbors, then we could boast of a more thrifty, more prosperous place. R.

LINCOLN.

Mrs. John Guernsey is slowly recovering.

Inez Guernsey has returned home from Ellsworth where she has been teaching school for the past six weeks.

William Pollard met with quite a down-fall, or fall-down, while at work on the road. His horses became frightened, throwing him to the ground, striking on his head and shoulders, hurting him quite badly. The horses did no damage.

We can almost hear the whistle, (even now).

As the most of those who joined the Band of Hope have returned, they intend to have a temperance meeting once every two weeks. All are invited to attend, and join in a cause which will do so much good if persisted in.

Old Uncle Merrill has returned to his old quarters, the Pool.

Elsie Guernsey has left for Vermont on a vacation of a few days.

Haying in a few days and that is about all, as there is no grass to cut. THUNDERBOLT.

HOLDERNESS.

It is a stable that is being built instead of a steeple at the Asquam House as reported last week.

The manager of the Asquam House says that there will be no celebration there the 4th of July, either by him or his boarders.

Mrs. Bowles, mother of Charles Bowles of Plymouth, is very sick with pneumonia. Dr. Samborn of Plymouth is her attending physician.

Frank N. Boynton has hired out to work at haying up in Lisbon this coming season.

Mr. Washington Mooney has two cows from which was made 21 3-4 lbs. of butter recently in one week, besides what milk was used in a family of six persons.

Mr. John L. Shaw has engaged to cut what is estimated to be about 50 tons of hay during the coming hay season.

Farmers are just now busy hoeing, and some have commenced haying. The grass is quite low as yet and the hay crop promises to be only about one half of an average yield according to present indications.

RATTAN CHAIRS. A large assortment at Paine's Furniture Manufacturing Establishment on Canal and Friend streets, west side Boston and Maine Depot—*Boston Journal.*

LAWN TENTS and Hammocks furnished at wholesale prices from Paine's furniture manufacturing establishment, 141 Friend and 48 Canal streets, west side Boston and Maine depot.

FINE FURNITURE. A number of cabinets, pedestels and chairs of the very finest workmanship and finished in cocobola are on exhibition for a few days in the show windows of the salesrooms connected with Paine's furniture manufactory, on Canal and Friend streets.—*Boston Journal.*

PAINE'S ANNOUNCEMENT. It gives us pleasure to invite attention to make a visit of inspection of the many objects of interest now on exhibition in our furniture warerooms.—*Boston Journal.*

HAMMOCKS. Mexican grass hammocks are imported and sold by Paine's furniture manufacturing establishment on Canal and Friend streets.—*Boston Journal.*

REFRIGERATORS. You will find a large assortment of Eddy's standard refrigerators at Paine's furniture warerooms, 48 Canal, 141 Friend streets.—*Boston Journal.*

PAINE'S FURNITURE manufacturing establishment has done a very large business the past week in summer house furniture.—*Boston Journal.*

RATTAN FURNITURE. The sales-rooms at Paine's furniture manufacturing establishment now contain a large assortment of rattan chairs, sofas, lounges and settees.—*Boston Journal.*

FURNITURE. Paine's manufacturing establishment is prepared to furnish hotels and summer houses. See their illustrated price list.—*Boston Journal.*

DAUCHY & CO.'S NEW OFFICES.

The newspaper advertising agency of DAUCHY & Co., having outgrown the limits of the office at the corner of Fulton and Church streets, has been removed to No. 27 Park Place, corner of Church street, where the firm now occupies a floor extending through the block to Nos. 24 and 26 Murray street, a space about 50 by 200 feet. About 50 feet of the Park Place front is partitioned off for the Counting Room and Private Office. Beyond, the walls are covered from floor to ceiling with pigeon-holes for files of newspapers, and on one side of the room are a number of alcoves, furnishing places for about 8,000 files. The Murray street front is given up to the Shipping Department, Messrs. DAUCHY & Co being also manufacturers and dealers in printers' supplies.—*New York World.*

Geo. Main, of No. 3 Merrimack St., Concord, has upwards of 10,000 cabbage plants of the Blatchfield, Winstead and Follet varieties at 75 cents per 100. Tomato plants of the choicest kinds at 75 cents. Roses, Geraniums, Primroses, Calla Lilies, Fuchsias, with every variety of foliage plants for bordering always on hand at prices lower than any other house in New England. To those about to enter the marriage state Main's orange blossoms will commend themselves.

BORN.

In Thornton, June 21, to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gilman, a son.

MARRIED.

In Plymouth, May 30, Miron W. Hazeltine and Miss Anna M. Ferrin of Plymouth.

ASHLAND ALLECATIONS.

The farmers have begun haying.

C. F. Bracy will soon erect a telephone.

B. B. Worthen is shingling his house.

Abel Mitchell is repairing the S. H. Eastman barn.

William Bateman is going to build him a barn.

Where is our telephone that we have heard so much about?

Miss Jennie P. Dana is at home visiting her father, Dr. Dana.

The band gave a street concert on Friday evening of last week.

George Rowe is at work at Meredith Village this week painting.

Mrs. Martha Dana Shepard, of Boston, was in town over Sunday.

Mrs. Person Thompson, of Stoneham, Mass., is visiting friends here.

Jacob Peaslee has remodeled his house and built two new chimneys.

Mrs. John Dixon and family left for Ipswich, Mass., on Wednesday noon.

John Holt has sold the celebrated trotting horse, Dr. Tanner, to Geo. Trull for $150.

It required four horses and six oxen to draw John Scribner's water wheel into town.

James W. Flanders, of Wilmot Flat, is to work for Hodgdon and Pollard, clerking.

A party of three went to Campton visiting one day this week with a horse that is 32 years old.

The B. C. & M. R. R. are extending their side track here so it will accommodate 25 cars and two engines.

Paul Perkins had a cat that has caught three woodchucks and killed two of them while the third was brought into the house alive. They were nearly full grown.

Charlie T. Clough, who has for the past two years been at the asylum for deaf and dumb, at Hartford, Conn., returned home on Tuesday evening for a short vacation.

Ashland Division, No. 45, and Live Oak Division, No 62, S. of T., here received an invitation from the Merry Meeting Lodge, S. of T., of Alton, to a picnic held on Bear Island, Lake Winnipesaukee, July 4th.

Shawlock Dustin and a pard of his by the name of Ballou, claiming to hail from Hill, left for parts unknown on Friday night of last week, leaving board bills unpaid to the amount of about $20 and several other small bills about town.

A party of ten left here last Monday for an excursion on Squam Lake, the party going with teams and proceeding as far as Squam Bridge, where the party stopped there for a little practice with the guns and to do a little fishing. The *Cheesman* did some fine shooting while there. After remaining there for a few hours they proceeded by boats to Perch, Mooney's and Long Island, where a good time was had by all and lots of fish secured. We understand there is a little more of that cheese left at $1.00 per pound.

The village schools closed Friday. The examination took place in the Primary and Intermediate departments Thursday, and in the two Grammar schools Friday. The following are the rolls of honor in the different departments: Primary department, Miss Lizzie F. Clement, teacher, Walter Foss, Ned Huckins, Herman Smith, Ella Pollard, Inez Maynard, Delia Baker, Mary Cheney. Intermediate department, Maria F. Ladd, teacher, Charles Peaslee, Nettie Sanborn, 1st Division; Charles Rogers, 2d Division; Alice Dorsey, Edith Sanborn, Lizzie Lupine, Harry Bowen, 3d Division; Addie Cheney, Phoebe Cheney, 4th Division. Grammar, Miss Emma J. Fellows, teacher, Sara J. Andrew, Minnie L. Baker, Lillian E. Fadden, Maggie Horrigon, A. Jessie Sanborn, 1st Division; Lillie F. Andrews, Carrie F. Fletcher, Clara B. Harrington, Nellie Horrigon, Mary McSweeney 2d Division. Higher Grammar, Miss L. A. Harriman, teacher, Martha S. Smith, Mary J. Horrigon, M. Gertrude Harriman.

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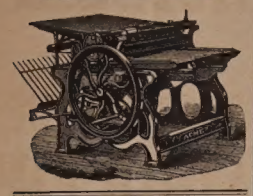

SATURDAY, JULY 2, 1881.

MEREDITH MATTERS.

ADVICE GRATIS.

We have been highly entertained during the past two weeks—which are the first two weeks of our entry on the new departure—with considerable of the article mentioned at the head of this caption. In striking out for new acquaintances we have also struck out for new ideas and have come foul of snags in so doing. Many persons, and no doubt well meaning persons, as the phrase goes, have given us to understand that our situation is no sinecure and in assuming the position of editor and manager of the first paper ever published in Meredith we are assuming a great responsibility and in endeavoring to build up a paper for general appreciation and circulation, we are undertaking more than any ordinary person can achieve. All this advice means to imply that a later comer has the sympathy of the public in this *immediate* neighborhood and we had better retire. Brother Robie, late of the *Review*, retires in his valedictory thus: "We have come to the conclusion that Meredith Village can only support one paper, therefore, we withdraw," and he withdraws accordingly.

Why, what a craven argument is this? Does brother R. or any of the free advisers think there is no room at the top, that the world ends at the depot crossing, the lake shore, or Hodgson's mill? Is there not room for patrons outside, or is there not more of that which goes to the making up of a world outside of the village than inside?

In other words we are quite willing to believe that there is room for one paper here and so we have come—to stay. We shall be at home for more suggestions on this head between the hours of midnight and 6 a. m., at other times we can be found at the office of the EAGLE attending to our business, and ready to receive our friends.

The band is going to disband.

Byron Clough's house is done.

L. C. Kelley has new potatoes.

J. N. True is having a barn built.

Fred Blake's new shop is boarded.

The comet has attracted much attention.

A. A. Kidder is in charge of his new store.

J. T. Sturtevant is improving his buildings.

C. S. Wiggin is going to have a piazza built.

Seven joined the Baptist church last Sunday.

Our side track is being lengthened about half a mile.

Fred Cilley's addition to his barn is progressing well.

Whooping cough and the measles prevail at the Centre.

The strawberry festival at the Centre was a success.

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Hodgson's bell is to be rung for the temperance meetings.

Brother Sanborn, of the *Democrat*, has lately been here fishing.

W. L. Crockett plowed up an Indian stone knife, the other day.

An excursion on the *Mount Washington* came here the other day.

A. A. Kidder has pear trees containing both fruit and blossoms.

Some of David Gilman's bees swarmed in a chimney recently.

Mrs. Martin Richmond, daughter of N. B. Cornell, has been here.

George Rowe, of Ashland, has gone to work for Hartshorn & Son

Henry M. Robinson, a late graduate at New Hampton, is at home.

The Laconia high school having closed, Miss Josie A. Robinson is at home.

John Dearborn had a large tree blown down by the heavy shower Tuesday.

The Freewill Baptist Sabbath school excursion, Monday, on the *Gracie*, was a pleasant affair.

Miss Gertrude M. Davis will teach the fall term in district No. 17, where she has already taught two terms.

J. H. Prescott, I. Winch and F. W. Hoyt and families are coming from Florida to spend the summer.

The water in the canal rose and fell in the late showers at intervals of a few minutes in a curious manner.

C. W. Haley, of Tuftonboro', a late graduate at New Hampton, will teach the fall term of the high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pendexter and Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Wilson render thanks for their serenade by the band.

Albert Pitman has lately lost his second hog by death, which together with the death of a heifer not long since, makes his luck rather hard.

J. H. Knowles & Co.'s horse ran away recently and stove up the wagon. F. H. Palmer's little boy was thrown out, but not much hurt.

The Good Templars and their Laconia brethren will excursion the Fourth on the *James Bell*. The Odd Fellows go the same day on the *Gracie*.

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Facetious people call Martha's Vineyard Maggie's Grapery.

The bluff at Long Branch disappears more and more every year.

It is singular, but true, that Fire Island is cool in the hottest weather.

Mt. Desert people say that if New Yorkers insist on coming there they must pay New York prices.

The capital stock of the Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn railroad has been increased to half a million of dollars.

Nearly $1,000,000 has been spent on improvements at Nantasket beach and Hull within a year, building the railroad, wharves and hotels.

Religious exercises begin at Ocean Grove, N. J., on the Fourth of July, and the Declaration of Independence, so appropriate for that place, will be read.

The boasted independence of some summer resort hotel keepers in being able to "select their guests" is based upon pleasant weather. Should the season verify Vennor's predictions they will be glad of any patronage.

June thus far has been an unlucky month for Coney Island, and all the hotels have lost money. It will take a good many hot days to make good the loss and to put proprietors in anything like a pleasant frame of mind.

"You've got mosquitoes as big as hens," shouts Atlantic City to Cape May, "and you know it." "You've got chills and fever," shouts back Cape May, "and you know it, too. It's shaken all the popularity out of you — so there!"

During the summer a number of distinguished Episcopal clergymen will preach in St. James' chapel, Long Branch, which, be it said to the credit of the summer visitors is always well filled, as is St. James church, for which Mr. Childs of Philadelphia has shown so much interest.

Too much reliance should not be placed on the reports which come from the watering places about the advanced rental of rooms at the hotels. There are plenty of rooms to be had everywhere, and at prices below what were asked a month or six weeks ago. It is well to remember this.

Long Branch, N. J., will celebrate the Fourth of July by a parade of the firemen, a concert on the pier and fireworks. The local authorities regret very much that no charge can be made for the entertainment, for the New Jersey people always hate to let their patriotism get the best of their pocket.

They are to have an Episcopal church at Long Beach, N. Y., to be built by subscription. One gentleman has already subscribed $1000, and another $500, and not much, if any, difficulty is anticipated in obtaining the necessary amount. When a new sea-side resort first establishes a church it is a very good omen.

WHAT RUSSIANS EAT.

There is in ordinary times plenty of cheap bread in Russia, and plenty of cabbages and dwarf cucumbers, which, with tea and perhaps a little quass, form the staple food of the moujiks, who, naturally abstinent from everything but strong drink, are artificially encouraged to spare living by their long and strictly observed religious fasts. The Petrof, or Peter's Fast, is of a duration of two or five weeks, according to the incidence of Easter Sunday; the fast of the Uspenski fast—called by the people the Gospozinski—lasts from the first to the fifteenth of August; the Philippoff, or St. Phillip's fast, endures during the six weeks preceding Christmas; and between the Carnival and Easter there is another most rigidly observed fast. Beid es these, Wednesdays and Fridays in every week throughout the year are fasts most scrupulously adhered to—by the common people and, as a rule, by females of all classes. But if the upper ranks were as religiously abstemious as their inferiors I fancy that the restaurateurs of St. Petersburg would very speedily exhibit a very remarkable unanimity in going bankrupt. As it is, well-to-do Russians are perhaps the most persistent gormandizers on the earth's surface.

I have seen a considerable amount of eating and drinking in my time, in a good many countries, wholly or partially civilized, but never have I witnessed such determined knife and fork play as that which goes on in the Moscow restaurital. And I have to abide it there in spring and in summer, in autumn and in winter. The great grief felt by the Petersburgers for the assassination of the Czar Alexander II. failed certainly to have any perceptible effect on their appetites. They ate and drank like so many Grandgosiers during the whole of the period intervening between the translation of the imperial remains to the fortress and the final act of inhumation; and the *Propos des Beuveurs* was continuous, and as Rabelaisian as the gendarme-infected atmosphere would permit.—*London Telegraph.*

REGULAR SLEEP.

DR. J. M. GRANVILLE, IN HIS WORK ON this subject, says, with reference to the difficulty some persons find in getting to sleep: Habit greatly helps the performance of the initial act, and the cultivation of a habit of going to sleep in a particular way at a particular time, will do more to procure regular and healthy sleep than any other artifice. The formation of the habit is, in fact, the creation or development of a special center, or combination, in the nervous system, which will henceforward produce sleep as a natural rhythmical process. If this were more generally recognized persons who suffer from sleeplessness of the sort which consists in simply being "unable to go to sleep," would set themselves resolutely to form such a habit. It is necessary that the training should be explicit and include attention to details. It is not very important what a person does with the intention of going to sleep, but he should do precisely the same thing, in the same way, at the same time, and under as nearly as possible the same conditions, night after night, for a considerable period, say there or four weeks at least.

A Kentucky cow raised on the farm of Erastus Ellsworth, of East Windsor Hill, has a remarkable record. April 16, 1877, she gave birth to twins, one male and one female; March 18, 1878, she gave birth to triplets, two male and one female, making five calves in eleven months and three days; July 9, 1879, she gave birth to twins, both males; October 7, 1880, she gave birth to triplets, two males and one female, making ten calves in the three years five months and twenty-one days. The calves have all been of good size, healthy and handsome, and have all been raised on the farm.

CURRENT TOPICS.

However familiar to people who live in lands where the teasel is extensively grown the fact may be that the prickly heads of that plant are universally used to raise the nap on cloth, a multitude of persons in this country probably never heard of it and will be astonished to learn in what enormous quantities the plant is raised. In France alone 5,000 acres of land are exclusively devoted to the cultivation of the teasel. French manufacturers use $1,500,000 worth of the prickly heads, and export 60,000 tons of them valued at $2,500,000. From 45,000,000 to 98,000,000 are produced in Austria, and England, Belgium Poland and the Crimea make a large contribution to the world's stock. The prickles of the teazel have a small knob at the end, and this, mounted on an elastic stem, and set with great precision on the central spindle, affords a little brush, such, it is said, as the utmost mechanical skill has never been able to rival, at all events at the same price.

The figures of the report of the veterinary department of the privy council office recently issued tell a graphic tale of the sufferings which animals undergo during the voyage from America to England. They bring also in striking relief the need of some better accommodations than those which already exist for the transportation of live stock across the Atlantic. This report shows that last year 981 cargoes of cattle, sheep and swine were landed in England from ports in Canada and the United States. Of the animals originally shipped 13,619 were thrown overboard in the course of the voyage, 540 were landed dead, and 334 were so much injured or exhausted that they were killed at the place of landing. Humanity certainly ought to devise some plan to prevent this suffering and loss.

The Scotch fasting girl Christina Marshall, continues to live on a teaspoonful of water two or three times a day. She is thirteen years old and lives at Chapelton, a small village near Strathaven. Her illness dates from August or September last, when she was treated for pulmonary cold. She gradually got better, but instead of reaching complete convalescence, fell into a thoughtful mood and betook herself to bed. She expressed the greatest disinclination for all kinds of food, and it was only by the most urgent entreaties that she could even be persuaded to take wine or grapes. At the New Year, however, she expressed herself unable to take any kind of food at all, and her parents, seeing that their entreaties only caused her pain and sorrow, forebore to ask her any longer, and since then she has subsisted solely on a few teaspoonfuls of water per day. A thorough examination of the patient failed to discover any trace of internal disease. The girl is, of course, growing gradually weaker, but so slowly that the change is almost imperceptible. At first she did not care for any one sitting up with her, but latterly she has insisted on having either her father or mother by her bedside all night long. Although not caring to enter into conversation, she answers all questions put, and appears to be fully aware of whatever takes place in the house, either by night or day.

CORNS AND HOW TO AVO D THEM.

Corns—that common bane of mankind—are sure to result from the wearing of any boots that do not fit comfortably and allow ample space for the proper movements of the joints of the feet and the toes; bunions, which are painful tumors formed by an actual inflammation of a small sac or bursa situated over the joint of each great toe; weak ankles, which are very commonly produced by wearing the fashionably made boots with high heels, together with a relaxed condition of the muscles and tendons of the leg; in-growing toenails, which are not only most painful, but also take some time to be thoroughly cured, and necessitate actual operative interference; chilblains, which, although they may and do take place in those who do not wear tight boots, are still invariably the outcomes of them, from interrupted circulation; cold feet, from the same cause; and last, but by far the worst of all, an actual diseased condition of one or more joints either of the toes or of the foot itself. All these, then, may be the wages we have to pay for the comparatively small pleasure of being considered possessed of "a pretty foot."

But because you are not to wear tight-fitting boots, it is no reason that you should go to the other extreme and wear the hideous unshaped things that are often seen; all I wish to insist on is that you should be satisfied with the size and shape of the foot Providence may have ordained you to be the possessor of, and do your best to maintain it in its natural and healthy condition. How, then, can this be done but by having your boots made exactly and comfortably to fit you; by never allowing your bootmaker to measure your foot while raised from the ground, remembering that the foot expands quite one-twelfth of its length, and laterally still more, when the weight of the body is upon it; by having a last made of the exact shape of your foot, and always having your boots made upon it; by never wearing those abominable high and narrow-pointed heels, which are positively dangerous, ungainly, and certain to lead to sad results; and, finally, by having the soles of your boots made of fairly substantial thickness, and of not too soft or porous leather.

By these means, then, you will be enabled to take the exercise absolutely necessary for your bodily health, to venture upon the longest walks with no dreaded prospect of discomfort, and to retain for your feet in your old age their normal shape and condition; and the price you will have to pay for this much coveted end is the mere loss of the whispered compliment, dropped from the lips of thoughtless men or ignorant fools, "What a pretty foot!"—*Harper's Weekly*

FORGET-ME-NOT.

A little romance attaches to the forget-me-not in the minds of German girls. A knight, bidding farewell to his lady-love, as he stood beneath her window, begged of her as a last remembrance, the flower in her bosom. She threw the little blue-eyed blossom to him, but the wind wafted it into the running stream near by, and ere he could reach it, the current had swept it away. "Ah!" cried she, "yet forget-me-not." This, however, is less poetic than the far earlier story of the tiny flower, forgotten when the Almighty named the works of his creation, and inquiring timidly by what name it should be known, and in its form of faint reminder, "Forget-me-not," finding its everlasting name.

NEW ENGLAND NEWS.

Maine.

Recent circumstances tend to show that Mary Gilmore, who was burned in her house at Kittery Point, was murdered and robbed. No silver-ware was found in the ruins, though there was a good deal in the house.

Salmon fishing on the Sango at Cumberland, is about played out, owing to the destruction of the fish on their spawning beds.

A Biddeford man was tried last week for putting kerosene on a rat, lighting it and chasing the rat down the street.

Capt James Hall retires from the Pacific steam navigation company's service, and returns to his birth place at Pittston. He has followed the sea for nearly 80 years. He was a brave sailor, who was thanked for his fidelity by the Czar Alexander II for whom he brought a ship to the Amoor river.

Sam Haynes, the murderer who was shot while trying to escape from the Thomaston prison, is getting well. He is jubilant over the excitement he caused.

Gass, Sawyer & Packard of Bath launched recently a steam whaler of about 450 tons owned by parties in New Bedford, Mass.

New Hampshire.

The citizens of Farmington and Alton have had public meetings which indorsed the proposed Lake shore railroad.

Eva Corey of Holland, Mich., abducted Jonathan Brown's seven-years-old boy from Suncook some time since, but a detective followed her and found the boy. She thought Brown would follow her West, where she meant to bring about a marriage.

The new Pilgrim church at Nashua will be in the form of a cross. Thirty feet of the east end will be 83, and the rest 64 feet wide, the depth 74 feet and the pews arranged in a circle. A tower 174 feet high will rise from the southeast corner.

Hiram Orcutt, who recently resigned, after being for 16 years principal of the West Lebanon seminary, becomes manager of a New England publishing company at Boston.

Rockingham county has a debt for the fiscal year ending May 1, of $61,425 against $68,366, 12 months ago. Three years ago the debt was $122,000. The debt of Belknap county has been reduced $22,125.

The seaman's aid society of Portsmouth have furnished 16,263 meals and 846 lodgings to unfortunate "Jacks" during the year.

The New Hampshire Methodists furnish these statistics: Probationers in the state, 1060; members, 11,794, being less than last year; licensed preachers, 62; churches 119, valued with other church property at $753,350; Sunday-schools 132, with 1857 officers, 13,329 pupils and 35,522 books.

Vermont.

Two men from the Cape of Good Hope are buying lumber in Burlington.

Thomas Meagher of Bennington has been fined $720 and costs for 22 illegal liquor sales.

A Wardsboro farmer recently found a bear trying to drag a yearling steer over the fence. He drove the bear away, but it came back, and, sitting down comfortably, watched with evident interest the farmer's efforts to get the steer off the fence, and, when it was done, leisurely withdrew.

Massachusetts.

Moy Yit Yu, a Chinaman who kept a store at Boston was buried recently according to Christian rites joined with Chinese ceremonies at the grave, where candles, joss-sticks and paper mock-money were burned, and food left to sustain him on his journey to the other world. On the way to the grave an omnibus full of Chinamen made a terrible n by beating gongs.

Two new steamers of over 2296 tons burden, 225 feet long, and carrying 60 passengers, are being built for the Baltimore steamship company to run between Boston and Baltimore.

Two human skulls believed to be Indian, were dug up at the rear of the Pavilion at Revere beach.

Moreland, the Abington bank robber, is book-keeper at the state-prison, and Stearns Kendall Abbott, the alleged murderer of Mrs. Crue, is working at piping in the hat shop.

A dredging-machine, at work below the bridge at Taunton, recently dug up an ancient cutlass 18 inches long. It has a Spanish blade and a strong handle, on which an American eagle is engraved, and was covered with rust and scales.

Alvah O. Simpson, the Lowell man who drank oil of vitrol two years ago, died of starvation recently, having been unable to eat for weeks.

Diphtheria is spreading near the dumping place of the board of health wagons at Lynn.

Hugh Jones of Lynn stepped on a needle some time ago, and has just died of lockjaw.

Leonard F. Crosby, agent at Boston for the Louisiana lottery has been arrested, and his tickets confiscated.

Rhode Island.

A petition, numerously signed, has been presented to the Newport aldermen, asking them not to grant liquor licenses on Bellevue avenue, between Truro park and the Bath road. Many women and children pass along that street and the saloons are becoming public nuisances.

Thirty-four graduates of Brown university have died during the last year. The oldest living graduate is Rev John Burt Wight of Wayland, Mass.

A large Corliss engine in the Social mills at Woonsocket was stopped last week by a five-pound cel three and a half feet long, which got in the injection valve.

The population of the state is 276,531, according to the census report.

It is stated that Daniel Howland, formerly a well-known resident of Middletown, near Newport, has murdered a man in Colorado. The widow of the murdered man, one Lacy, offers $2000 for Howland's arrest, but he is still at large.

It is found that Murray Chace, the Newport forger, wrote the names of witnesses to his mother's signature on a mortgage deed of a farm, in favor of the Bristol county savings bank, that the names and acknowledgements were both added after it was recorded, and that the notary public's signature is fraudulent.

The first Congregational church of Providence calls Rev. Thomas R. Slicer of Brooklyn, N. Y.

The liquor law going into effect July 1 is stricter than ever, and Newport rumsellers are up in arms.

Connecticut.

The Vermont insurance commissioners will not license the Hartford life and annuity insurance company to do business in Vermont, as its assets are not as large as the insurance laws of Vermont require of the co-operative companies. In this action it follows the example of several other states.

Rev. R. G. S. McNellie of Bridgeport, astonished his congregation on a recent Sunday by stopping in the midst of an eloquent sentence and saying, "Brother Beardsley, please stop taking notes of my sermon." Brother B. stopped.

Chief Justice Park has rendered an opinion, concurred in by the associate judges, concerning the constitutionality of the act that every person shall be fined who is reported to keep liquor for sale without a license.

The insurance companies refuse to pay the damage done by lightning to Nelson Gallup's house at Norwich recently, as the lightning clause was left out of his policy. Many persons are looking up their policies now, and the agents are inserting the clause free of cost.

In the superior court case of Barnes against Foster of South Windsor, in which Barnes wanted $800 damages for Foster's driving over his land to reach his own lot, judgment has been rendered for the defendant.

Seventy-four head of famous blooded cattle from the Echo farm in Litchfield, are on exhibition at Charter Oak park in Hartford.

One Maynard, a Stonington boarding-house keeper, recently had trouble with his creditors and fled to Sandy Island, a little piece of land belonging half to Rhode Island and half to Connecticut. The officers went for him and found him sitting in the middle of the island with a cocked pistol. When they landed, he pummeled one of them, and they left him alone in his glory. He said it a Rhode Island officer tried to take him he'd cross to the Connecticut side and shoot him if he came over, and would serve a Connecticut officer likewise if he tried to take him on the Rhode Island side.

NATIONAL CAPITAL NOTES.

Controller Knox, who is winding up the affairs of the broken Freedman's bank, says that as soon as the bank building is sold he will be able to pay another dividend of twenty per cent. to depositors, making sixty per cent. in all. The total amount of unclaimed dividends is $124,715.87.

Earl Granville has called the attention of Secretary Blaine to the hatching of Fenian plots in the United States, claiming it as an unfriendly act for the government to allow it.

Charges have been made against the chief of the bureau of statistics.

Officers of the criminal court are pleased with the good quality of the grand jury which is to pass on the star-route cases. No action is probable on them until September. Jeff Chandler of St. Louis, who was prominently connected with the immortable whisky prosecutions in that city in 1875, has been engaged by Gen. J. Brady as associate counsel with Messrs. Shellabarger, Wilson and others.

Secretary Windom has determined to appoint ex-secretary of war Ramsey on the committee to investigate the charges preferred against Supt. Dodge of the San Francisco mint. The other two members of the committee will probable be appointed from the Pacific coast.

William H. Turner, one of the principal clerks in the contract office, who has for several years had charge of the star routes in most of the territories, has been removed.

The amount of coupon 5 per cent. bonds received for continuance at 3 1-2 per cent. to date, exclusive of those presented at the London agency, aggregates nearly $50,000,000.

The total exports of petroleum and petroleum products from the United States during April, 1881, were $2,752,716; April, 1880, $1,995,122; 10 months ended April 30, 1881, $34,491,223; do., 1880, $32,607,997.

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN.

Capt. Rankin and Manager George Parish of the sunken steamer Victoria was arrested at London, Ont., on a charge of manslaughter. Bail was accepted for both in $2000.

Jacob Broer was killed in New York by the explosion in a brewery of a hogshead of lager.

The London, G. B., telegraph operators decided to cease working overtime on the 27th.

The official statement of the number of houses destroyed by the Quebec fire and families rendered homeless and destitute on the night of the 8th of June is as follows: 642 houses, 1211 families, consisting of 6028 individuals. Two-thirds of the above have lost all, and had no insurance on their property.

It is said that only 400 out of 26,000 French soldiers are in hospital in Tunis and Algerian complaints. Caswell, Hazard & Co., proprietors, New York.

RESCUED FROM DEATH.

William J. Coughlin of Somerville, Mass., says: "In the fall of 1876 I was taken with bleeding of the lungs followed by a severe cough. I lost my appetite and flesh, and was confined to my bed. In 1877 I was admitted to the hospital. The doctors said I had a hole in my lungs as big as half a dollar. At one time a report went around that I was dead. I gave up hope, but a friend told me of DR. WILLIAM HALL'S BALSAM FOR THE LUNGS. I got a bottle, when, to my surprise, I commenced to feel better, and to-day I feel better than for three years past. I write this, hoping every one afflicted with diseased lungs will take DR. WILLIAM HALL'S BALSAM, and be convinced that consumption can be cured. I can positively say it has done more good than all the other medicines I have taken since my sickness."

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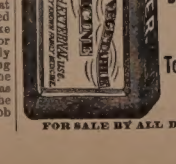

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DISAPPEARANCES.

A correspondent of a French paper, commenting on the number of "mysterious disappearances" constantly occurring, not only in France, but also in England, starts a curious theory. He maintains that death is occasionally actual dissolution. Persons attacked by this form of disease suffer no previous illness, have no warning of their approaching end, but suddenly cease to exist, and as immediately fade from sight. He asserts that some years ago he actually witnessed this phenomenon. He was out walking with a friend, with whom he was engaged in an interesting discussion on a political question of the day, when instantaneously his companion vanished, and from that hour to the present time has never reappeared.

He has little doubt that many of the missing persons so anxiously searched for by their friends and by the police, have in like manner "melted into thin air." At the moment of his friend's disappearance, a strong sulphurous odor was noticed, but beyond this nothing remarkable was to be observed. The question is, he thinks, worthy of medical investigation.

BALLOON TRANSPORTATION.

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AUSTRIAN RIOTS.

The illumination of Trieste in honor of the marriage of Crown Prince Rudolph was accompanied by serious rioting. Many citizens of anti-Austrian proclivities having failed to light up their houses, revelers in the streets smashed in the darkened windows with stones. This enraged the irredentistes, who were also largely represented in the streets, and they in turn smashed the illuminated windows. Between the two factions not many panes of glass were allowed to remain unbroken. The Austrians, however, were the most numerous, and they kept the final mastery of the streets.

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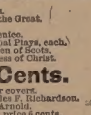

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